

## **2018 Q&A for House, Senate and Gubernatorial Candidates**

**Candidates: Please send responses to [answers@sciencedebate.org](mailto:answers@sciencedebate.org) in a word document with your name, state and seat you are running for in the subject line.**

**INNOVATION.** Science and technology have been responsible for half the growth of the U.S. economy since World War II. What role, if any, should government play in stimulating innovative science and technology so we continue to benefit from them?

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY.** What are your views on climate change and how would they affect your energy policies if at all?

**CYBER SECURITY.** What will you do to protect America from cyber attacks while also protecting personal privacy?

**MENTAL HEALTH.** PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, depression, anxiety, drug addiction, and suicide affect millions of Americans with cost of care and lost productivity greater than \$400 billion a year. What mental health policies will you support if you are elected?

**EDUCATION.** In an age dominated by complex science and technology, how can we ensure that students receive adequate STEM education?

**WATER.** The long-term security of water supplies is threatened by aging infrastructure, pollution, climate variability and a growing population. What should government do to ensure access to clean water?

**FOOD.** How would you manage American agriculture so it provides healthy and affordable food grown in a just and sustainable way?

**SPACE.** What should America's goals be for space exploration and earth observation and what steps would you take to achieve them?

**OCEANS.** Large areas of our oceans are polluted, acidification is damaging coral reefs and other habitats, and overfishing could wipe out certain species and diminish this vital source of food. What will you do to improve ocean health?

**SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY.** Politicians are disputing settled science and firing government scientists for political reasons. How will you foster a culture that respects scientific evidence and protects scientists?

Share any science policy issues involving medicine, national security, environment, education, the economy or other pressing issues that impact your state/district that you would like to expand on.